

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING  
May 7, 2013**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission meeting was called to order on March 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Spokely in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Luebkehan, Willick, Worthington, Briggs, Combs, Green, Kratzer-Yue, Spokely

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Vitas

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved April 16, 2013 as presented.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**A. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW – 1215 HIGH STREET (SHARIFIE DECK ADDITIONS) – FILE HDR 13-01.**

The applicant requests Historic Design Review Commission approval for deck additions and exterior façade changes to a building located at 1215 High Street.

Planner Lowe provided an overview of the continued public hearing discussion by the Planning Commission at the April 16, 2013 Historic Design Review Commission meeting regarding, façade treatments, tree preservation and setbacks.

Chairman Spokely noted that the dimensions on the plan and scale do not appear to match. Based upon the scale, it appears that the upper deck is approximately 4 feet from the retaining wall along High Street.

Commissioner Green noted that the dimensions noted that the building is 13 feet from the retaining wall and the upper deck projects 7 feet into the setback and will be six feet from the retaining wall.

Commissioner Worthington asked whether or not the tree was protected under the City's Tree Ordinance and if it needs to be removed would the applicant need a tree permit?

Planner Lowe noted that the tree is labeled as an Oak Tree on the plans and would be required to obtain a Tree Permit if the tree is removed. Planner Lowe noted that an additional Condition of Approval was added to require that the tree be trimmed per recommendations from a Certified Arborist.

Commissioner Green noted that the quoin corner recommended at the last Historic Design Review Commission hearing is the one in front of the staircase.

Chairman Spokely opened the public hearing.

The designer, Keith Evertt, addressed the Historic Design Review Commission and agrees with the Historic Design Review Commission's recommendations and has redesigned the drawings to reflect adding the façade materials on the High Street frontage to the south side elevation.

Commissioner Worthington noted that the plans indicate that Mr. Evertt is a designer. Commissioner Worthington asked if there will be an engineer to review the decks to make sure they are structurally sound.

Mr. Evertt noted that the decks will be reviewed by an engineer.

Chairman Spokely closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Luebke **MOVED** to Approve Resolution 13-04 as presented by the Historic Design Review Commission.

Commissioner Willick **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES:	Luebke, Willick, Worthington, Briggs, Green, &
NOES:	Combs & Kratzer-Yue & Spokely
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Vitas

The motion was **APPROVED**.

**B. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW – 1273 HIGH STREET (LEADERSHIP AUBURN PROJECT FAIRGROUNDS ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENTS) - FILE# HDR 13-03.** The applicant requests approval of a Historic Design Review permit for the installation of an archway sign, which exceeds the height standards in the Downtown Historic Design Review District at 1273 High Street.

Planner Lowe provided an overview of the continued public hearing discussion by the Planning Commission at the April 16, 2013 Historic Design Review Commission meeting regarding the design and scale of the archway signage.

Commissioner Green thanked the applicant for presenting a scaled drawing and increasing the size of the letters so they are more in proportion with the size and scale of the pilasters.

Chairman Spokely opened the public hearing.

Cody Carpino, on behalf of Leadership Auburn, addressed the Historic Design Review Commission and discussed the changes proposed since the last review by the Commission. Mr. Carpino noted the changes proposed and discussed the rationale for the changes.

Commissioner Worthington inquired about the new plaque that was proposed for the northern pilaster.

Chairman Spokely noted that he would like to see the plaque to be modified so that the signs were symmetrical

Commissioner Combs asked how the plaque will be attached to the pilaster and noted that the existing plaque is etched into the pilaster. Will it be etched into the stone or attached to the stone?

Mr. Carpino replied that the plaque will be attached to the face of the stone and will not be etched into the stone.

Cody Carpino noted that he had no objections to modifying the placement of the plaque so that it is symmetrical to the existing plaque.

Commissioner Worthington **MOVED** to Approve Resolution 13-07 as amended by the Historic Design Review Commission to require a condition that states:

***The proposed new plaque located on the northern pilaster shall be the same height and size as the existing time capsule plaque located on the southern pilaster. The***

*new plaque may be surface mounted on the pilaster. The location, size and mounting shall be shown on the plans, prior to approval.*

Commissioner Briggs **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES:	Luebke, Willick, Worthington, Briggs, Green Combs, Kratzer-Yue & Spokely
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Vitas

The motion was **APPROVED**.

## **VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Commission Powers and Duties Ad Hoc Committee Discussion pursuant to Section 159.496 (A)(5) as stated:

§159.496 (A)(5) Render advice and guidance, upon request of the owner or occupant of the property, on the restoration, alternation, decoration, landscaping or maintenance of any cultural resource including landmarks, sites, districts or neighboring properties within public view;

Commissioner Willick presented the Commission Powers and Duties Ad Hoc Discussion and discussed the meeting and direction that the Ad Hoc would like to go.

Commissioner Willick noted that the committee would like to meet again to get more input and finalize the list of items that they would like to implement. Commissioner Willick noted that the group should be ready by the next meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>

## **VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

- A. City Council Meetings

Planner Lowe noted that the City Council will be discussing Emergency Shelters and the updated Resolution for Nomination of Historic Buildings and Places.

- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings

Planner Lowe noted that Ad Hoc committee for Commission Powers and Duties Number 6 and 10 is planned to be heard on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Ad Hoc committee number 5 will also be heard on June 4<sup>th</sup>. There are no other Historic Design Review Commission items scheduled.

- C. Reports

None

**VIII. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

None

**IX. FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner